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EMPLOYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN AUSTRALIA

TO: HONORABLE BOB WILSON
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON D.C.

WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR INQUIRY OF MARCH 10 RESPECTING POSSIBILITIES
OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA. THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE AUSTRALIAN
DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS.

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA IS PRESENTLY DEPRESSED
AND THERE IS A SERIOUS UNEMPLOYMENT, REPEAT UNEMPLOYMENT, PROBLEM
IN THE SEMI-SKILLED AND UNSKILLED SECTORS OF THE INDUSTRY. THERE
ARE LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADESMEN SUCH AS CARPENTERS,
CABINETMAKERS, ROOFTILERS. HOWEVER, THERE IS DEFINITELY NO,
REPEAT NO, ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO AUSTRALIA
FOR WORKERS IN THE INDUSTRY.

AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICES OVERSEAS KEEP UP TO DATE LISTS
OF AREAS WHERE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES EXIST. YOUR CONSTITUENT
MAY WISH TO CONTACT THE NEAREST IMMIGRATION OFFICE TO DETERMINE
WHETHER HE FITS INTO ANY OF THESE CATEGORIES.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION, UNEMPLOYMENT IN AUSTRALIA HIT A RECORD
HIGH IN JANUARY 1978, WITH 7.2 PERCENT OF THE WORK FORCE
UNEMPLOYED.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA.
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